

January 16, 2002



Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to express my fullest support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice in November. This case has gone on for too long and a settlement is the best option at this point.

Although I felt this case was unwarranted from the beginning, I understand Microsoft's desire to wrap this suit up. That explains the company's decision to accept many terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit. That includes agreeing to disclose to competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. Indeed, this is a first for an antitrust settlement.

As someone who has worked in the high tech world for many years, I honestly believe that Microsoft and their products has helped raise the standard of living for people across all socioeconomic levels. So there is no doubt in my mind that the settlement is in the public interest and no further action should be taken on the federal level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary T. Kinsella".

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